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SUBJECT: PERMAFROST PIPELINE INFORMATION FOR INTERSTATE COMMERCE
COMMISSION

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED REQUEST FROM INTERSTATE COMMERCE
COMMISSION FOR INFORMATION ON SOVIET CONSTRUCTION OF
PIPELINES IN PERMAFROST. INFORMATION WOULD BE USED IN
ICC STUDY DETERMINING LAWFULNESS OF TRANSPORTATION RATES
PROPOSED FOR TRANS ALASKA PIPELINE SYSTEM. EMBASSY AND
CONGEN EFFORTS HAVE PRODUCED NO RESULTS TO DATE. EMBASSY
REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT SO INFORM ICC AND POSSIBLY REFER
ICC TO RELEVANT WASHINGTON AGENCIES, E.G., U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
(OSCAR FERRIANS OF MENLO PARK, CA) AND ERDA (NIEL DUNNING).

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JULY 7 LETTER TO E/C COUNSELOR
FROM EDWARD D. GREENBERG, SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR PIPELINES,
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT, ICC.

3. BEGIN TEXT: THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION PRESENTLY
HAS AN INVESTIGATION OF THE TRANS ALASKA PIPELINE SYSTEM
(TAPS) TO DETERMINE THE LAWFULNESS OF TRANSPORTATION RATES
PROPOSED BY EACH OF THE EIGHT OWNING COMPANIES. AS
SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR PIPELINES, I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO LEAD THE
COMMISSION'S STAFF IN THIS INQUIRY.

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4. IN ORDER TO PLACE TAPS IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE, SOME
REASONED COMPARISON WITH SIMILAR PROJECTS MUST BE ATTEMPTED.
FOR THIS REASON ANY ASSISTANCE YOU COULD GIVE US IN OBTAINING
THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW WOULD BE AN INVALUABLE AID IN
PERMITTING US TO REACH THE NECESSARY CONCLUSIONS IN OUR
PROCEEDING.

5. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN RECEIVING ANY STUDIES WHICH COULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOVIET UNION CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION IN PERMAFROST CONDITIONS. THIS DATA HAS PROBABLY BEEN ASSEMBLED IN VIEW OF THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE OF BUILDING A PETROLEUM PIPELINE IN ARCTIC REGIONS.

6. IF I CAN PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMISSION'S INQUIRIES AND THE FACT THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE IN REACHING SOME RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS INFORMATION BE OBTAINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. THANK YOUR FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. END TEXT.
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